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2006 FILING SCHEDULE
MAINE CLEAN ELECTION ACT CANDIDATES
FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Election Dates: Primary Election – June 13, 2006
General Election – November 7, 2006

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>Filing Deadline</u>	<u>Report Period</u>
Seed Money Report*		
▪ party candidates	April 18, 2006	First seed money collected - Date certification requested
▪ unenrolled candidates	June 2, 2006	
6-Day Pre-Primary	June 7, 2006	End of Seed Money Report - June 1, 2006
42-Day Post-Primary	July 25, 2006	June 2, 2006 - July 18, 2006
6-Day Pre-General	November 1, 2006	July 19, 2006 - October 26, 2006
42-Day Post-General	December 19, 2006	October 27, 2006 - December 12, 2006

*In addition, any legislative candidate collecting more than \$500 in seed money contributions in 2005 must file a campaign finance report on January 17, 2006 showing all seed money contributions and expenditures through December 31, 2005.

24-Hour Reporting

Maine Clean Election Act candidates must disclose expenditures of \$1,000 or more made:

after June 1, 2006 and before 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2006, and

after October 26, 2006 and before 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2006

in a special report filed within 24 hours of making the expenditure (including on Saturdays and Sundays).

Filing Procedures

Electronically Filed Campaign Finance Reports. Candidates in the 2006 elections who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns are required to file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline. The Commission will conduct training seminars on the e-filing system in 2006. Candidates may request an exception to the e-filing requirement if they lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests for an exception.

Filing Campaign Finance Reports on Paper. For those candidates receiving an exception to the e-filing requirement, the Ethics Commission must receive each original campaign finance report signed by both the candidate and treasurer at its office by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the original report is received by the Commission within five calendar days. A report that has been mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and that is postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.